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Customer No. 22,852  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Stefan HACK et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3623  
Application No.: 09/609,714 ) Examiner: Sterrett, Jonathan G.  
Filed: June 30, 2000 ) Confirmation No.: 2503  
For: VALUE CHAIN OPTIMIZATION )  
SYSTEM AND METHOD )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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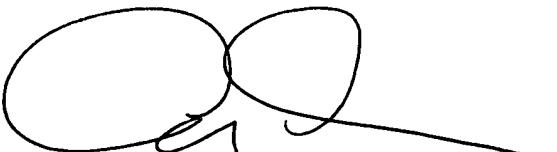
Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants petition for a two-month extension of time to file a reply to the Office Action of August 25, 2006. The requisite fee of \$450.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any additional extensions of time required to enter the attached reply and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,  
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